

General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will take place on Tuesdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day by December. Children will only change shoes for the first few weeks of PE lessons.

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Reception is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



Trips

Our trips for this term are:

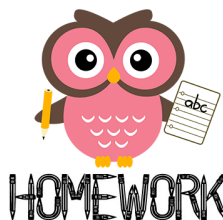
- Hampstead Heath
- The Postal Museum-24th June
- St Pauls Cathedral- 11th July

Our Heath outside learning will be every other week on a Wednesday or Thursday. If you are available to help on any of these outings I would be grateful if you could sign up on the sheets outside the Reception classroom after half term.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. This term it will consist of a creative activity, reading practice and a letter of the week sheet. You could also support your child's learning by hunting for objects that begin with these sounds.

The reading diaries will be used in order to carefully monitor progress in reading as well as being a useful home-school link.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 28th June at 10.00am. All parents and families are warmly invited.

Our Performing Arts class assembly will take place on Tuesday 18th June at 10.00am. All parents and families are warmly invited.

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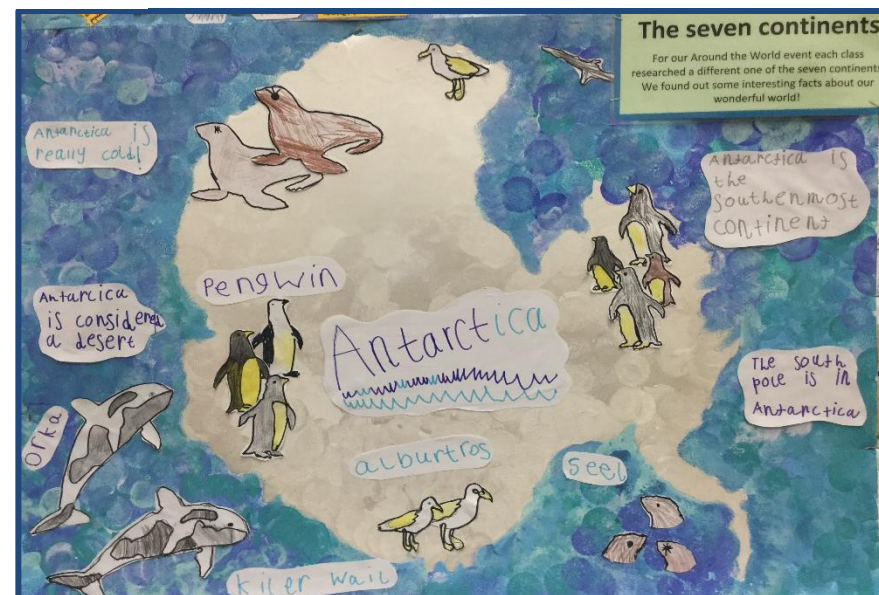
- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **In response to parent feedback, we have changed our policy this year for birthdays. We no longer give out cakes, sweets or any food/non-food items which are sent in from home.**



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Reception



Summer Term 2019



Reception

Class Teacher: Miss Innes

Support Staff: Miss Mardon and Miss Jones

Other adults working with Reception: Mr Pegden (music) and Mr Spadaccini (PE)

Welcome back to the last term in Reception!

I hope you all had a happy and restful Easter holiday.

Please do not hesitate to book an appointment to meet if you would like more information on this term's curriculum. Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind Regards, Vicky Innes

Sports Day

Sports Day will hopefully take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd July 2019 if the weather is fine. If not, we have scheduled a reserve day for Wednesday 3rd July 2019. All parents and family members are warmly invited to support us on the Heath

Open Afternoon

Instead of a formal parents evening this term we invite you to attend our annual Open Afternoon on Thursday 4th July 2019 from 2pm. This is an opportunity for you to pick your child up from their classroom any time from 2pm and take them into the playground to look at their books and discuss their work with them. Once you have done this and your child's work is returned to their classroom, you can take your child home. Books will also be available for parents to look at after school until 5:30pm. However, if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning at any point this term, please make an appointment to meet with me. You will also receive a detailed end of year report on Friday 12th July '19.

Literacy



The children will be encouraged to write down the sounds they can hear in words and experiment freely with their own writing, through role-play, free play and other class room activities. This is intended to help the children gain confidence so that they see themselves as writers. Our topics this term are based on 'Explorers'. We will be writing fact books about sea creatures and planets, writing a letter to Greenpeace, acting out stories and writing our own magical stories about the underwater land on Atlantis.

Numeracy



This term we will be building on children's previous achievements. We will be consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 20 and extending the children's counting, reading and writing of numbers beyond 20. We will be extending the children's counting skills by doing addition and subtraction. We will focus on some new topics such as counting in 2's, 5's and 10's alongside exploring doubling, halving, symmetry and recording using graphs. They will continue to develop their mathematical skills through games, singing and structured play. Each child's mathematical ability will be catered for, depending where they are with their learning.

RE



The children will be learning why Jesus is important to Christians. We will be discussing how Jesus rescued people, leading on from the Easter story to discuss what a saviour is and examining the right and wrong of people within the stories and how people react to different events. We will continue to learn about festivals from other faiths including Wesak the Buddhist festival and Eid al-fitr that is celebrated by Muslims.

Reading



Reading books will continue to be changed once a week on the day your child has their reading group. Please do still remember to put books and reading records in book bags on a **Wednesday** for additional reading. Please enjoy sharing stories with your child as regularly as you can, to cultivate and reinforce a love for reading. Please use the reading diary as a useful home-school link. Please keep practising the weekly High Frequency Words (HFW) given on the homework.

Understanding of the World



Children will be given opportunities to compare and contrast different animals, life cycles, places and objects, to look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. They will be encouraged to ask questions about why things happen and how they work. Our main topic is 'We are explorers' and throughout the term we will learn about explorers like Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Through PSED the children will continue to develop a sense of personal awareness and self-identity. This term we will be focusing on developing the children's understanding of their culture and beliefs, understanding and expressing feelings and understanding the consequences of actions.

Physical Development



The children will be encouraged to develop their gross and fine motor skills and to move confidently and safely in a range of ways. We will practise using equipment effectively including pencils for writing and scissors for cutting. This term we will be focusing on negotiating space safely, balance and ways to keep our bodies and minds healthy.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will develop their creative skills through art, music, role-play, drama and dance. They will be encouraged to experiment and practise a range of skills including drawing, painting, printing, stencilling and 3D work. We will be focusing on some famous artists this term; Monet and Kandinsky. We will observe, compare and create our own pieces of art inspired by these artists.

Communication and Language



This term we will be working on responding within a two-way conversation using full sentences and encouraging the children to use new vocabulary in the correct context. We will continue to work on the use of tenses alongside extending their sentences using because, and and but.

